

Prices and Prospects.

**Falling Off of Nearly 40,000 Tons and
a Loss of Over 200 Cars in Shipments
Last Week—General Lay off of One
Day.**

The Grace plant is also being expanded as a result of the new mine, it is quickly a primary and a coal producer. Out of the 100 acres at Grace there are but 100 now in operation and it is evident that there will be more put into it to operate coal taken from the first mine. The coal now mined is of the excellent coke quality for the steel industry.

The Franklin mine is in Lincoln County, Co. Kentucky, a fine new coal and coke plant will be built and will be in operation in a few years time. This mine is located five miles from the new steel plant. The officials say the best looking coal in the State. The vein is located near the Jacobs Creek hill. The outcrop was red coal mines here has been used for years as fuel for home use and is said to equal any of the

UNFILLED ORDERS

One important feature at the moment is the current boom in soft-finisher products, which are entirely for quick shipment and the volume of new orders in all lines is light because consumers' antipathy toward higher prices was throwing the bulk of carrying stocks upon the manufacturers. Fabric stock orders last week were only 100 tons, and raw materials placed nothing, but many distor orders. Equipment contracts including 1,000 tons of rails, insufficient to buy a motive order, while bridge work was scarcely 600 tons. The principal railroad order was 1,000 tons for the Schuylkill river bridge, awarded to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to the Stearns mill.

The pig iron trade was dull in all districts. In the eastern markets new contracts were less than 10,000 tons and in the central, eastern, the regular tonnage, because of the new mill, not more than 2,000 tons. Prices were not changed as much but tended downward rather than otherwise. Stocks at merchant turnouts continue to increase shipments not taking up all of the reduced output.

FRANCHISE SOLD

To Street Railway That Will Open Up
Greene County

WAYNESBURG Aug. 17.—A deal was closed recently by which the original incorporators of the Wayneburg & Monongahela Street Railway Company, in fulfillment of their right to this stock in the Burnham & Pittsburg Electric Railway Company, the new street trolley line is built through Greene County. A company of local men secured a charter from the State in incorporating the Wayneburg & Monongahela Company on June 2, 1907 and also secured a franchise from the borough council granting to the Wayneburg & Monongahela Company the right to use certain street. Later the charter franchise and other holdings of the local people were sold to a company of McKeesport capitalists but with the proviso that the local men retained the right to take stock in the road after it was built.

By a recent deal the Wayneburg & Monongahela Electric Railway Company has obtained the Burnham & Pittsburg Electric Railway Company's franchise to build a street car line through the township. The money on the part of the Wayneburg & Monongahela agents to start the road came as a surprise to the local capitalists who had not considered their privilege of taking stock in the new road since construction is moving and real jobs

PRODUCTION		WEEK ENDING AUG 13 1910				WEEK ENDING AUG 6 1910			
District	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	
Connellsville	24,310	16,925	7,385	201,325	21,310	17,006	7,251	234,150	
Lower Connellsville	5,144	12,410	2,698	163,943	16,144	12,181	2,600	173,200	
Totals	29,454	29,335	10,083	365,268	37,454	29,187	9,851	407,350	
Furnace Ovens									
Connellsville	19,937	13,824	5,113	165,128	19,097	11,801	5,113	194,700	
Lower Connellsville	4,413	3,866	747	46,620	4,613	3,816	757	55,810	
Totals	23,350	17,690	5,860	211,748	23,710	15,617	5,870	250,510	
Open Market Ovens									
Connellsville	5,273	8,101	2,172	37,890	5,273	4,322	2,041	29,700	
Lower Connellsville	10,531	9,540	1,901	117,125	10,531	5,618	1,913	118,510	
Totals	15,804	17,641	4,073	155,015	15,804	11,550	3,954	157,930	
SHIPMENTS		WEEK ENDING AUG 13 1910				WEEK ENDING AUG 6 1910			
To Pittsburg			1,781 Cars				4,093 Cars		
To Points West of Pittsburg			5,481 Cars				5,348 Cars		
To Points East of the Region.			899 Cars				855 Cars		
Totals			10,000 Cars				10,299 Cars.		

Plants in the Connellsville Region Where It Is In Use.

Now, too, we have a little more time at our disposal for the five that are not applicants for the chairman of coal production in this bit of the interest of three co-operators.	W. C. Kennedy and Nathan W. C. Vickers and the others, but we still have a lot of work to do.
get acquainted with the production of the Covington Machine Company and especially with the 1910 Model coal puller that has been given them.	It is a very good machine, and it is a very good machine.
to be read some day when labor is scarce and the good demand, so my statement now.	It is a very good machine, and it is a very good machine.
Our latest model of the machine stands head and shoulders above any other in the way of a coal puller that has been offered for sale.	It is a very good machine, and it is a very good machine.
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OF THE SUMMER SEASON

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Is On in Somerset County Over the
Mortual L. Taxes

These figures cover all the holdings of the big corporations in the lower half of Penn. I believe Q. concerning in Products, Alex and in Penn. both much.

A. There seems to be an irrepressible conflict in some set country I would say the individual holders of coal are few and the larger two owners of coal in this conflict will probably continue to hold as many considerable amount of the country's coal as in unsold. I think it will come the center rather to the individual owners of mines rather than the corporations owning the coal below the surface.

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IRON AND STEEL

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BATTELLE COAL SOLD

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SHIPPING OFFICE
First National Bank Building, Allentown Pa.

MAY FREE BRIDGE AT DAWSON SOON.

Commissioners Put Matter in Hands of Their Attorneys for Action.

CLOSE MATTER NEXT MONTH

That is the Hope of the Commissioners and All Are Strongly in Favor of Freeing the Structure—To Cost County \$600,000

UNIONTOWN, Aug. 12.—The Dawson bridge may be freed next month. That is the word which came from the County Commissioners' office this morning and it would seem good to the residents of the bustling town down the Yough. The matter has been placed in the hands of Solicitor R. F. Hopwood with instructions to get results at the earliest opportunity.

We are in favor of freeing the Dawson bridge and always have been, stated County Commissioner John S. Langley today. Just as soon as Mr. Hopwood can get the legal end of the matter in the proper shape the county will take the bridge over and do away with the toll house. Both Mr. McClelland and myself have been working quietly to that end.

There are a few legal formalities to be gone through and then the \$600,000 will be paid over to the bridge company.

POSTAL SAVINGS

Bank Promises to Be Quite Popular Throughout the Country

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—Reports are being received at the Postoffice Department from the postmasters in widely scattered sections of the country to the effect that constant inquiries are being made as to the time for the establishment of the new postal savings banks. Find out that the government is not yet ready and will not be for some months, to the charge of their savings, the people are saving money of their own to themselves in much larger quantities and amounts than ever before. The intention being to make deposit of them in the postal banks as soon as they are in operation.

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The post office committee charged with preparing regulations for the operations of the postal savings bank system has sent reports throughout the country to examine the methods in force in savings banks in order to be prepared at the time when the new system is put in operation.

BOYLE TO BUILD

On Historic Spot Where the Eradico Was Command

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MAY GIVE UP CLUB.

Reported That Shriners Will Apportion Bear Run Property

It is reported on good authority that the Shriners are preparing to do away with their country club at Bear Run. This property is owned by the Temple of Pinesburg. There are several members of the organization in Fayette county.

Although nothing definite has yet been done the plan is to apportion the estate among the various members of the Temple. The present plan under consideration is to divide the estate into tracts of one acre each. The members will then pay \$2.00 for each acre. The entire tract has been taken up by lots and it is determined which acre a member will receive.

It is said that the club house and other buildings on the property will all be disposed of and the place abandoned as the country home of the Shriners. The plot of land has never been a financial success so it is said and proved an expensive property to maintain.

Members of the Shriners in Connelville have heard only rumors of the plan. It is said that the matter is being seriously considered. Those heavily interested in the country club live in Pittsburg.

BETTS IS HELD

For Alleged Felonious Shooting of Two Foreigners

UNIONTOWN, Aug. 12.—After a lengthy hearing before Judge John Boyle this morning Constable William Betts was held for court and released on bail in the sum of \$1,000. Steve and Martin Patch, both appeared as prosecutors their charges Betts with felonious shooting with intent to kill. On July 3 Betts attempted to arrest Steve for disorderly conduct. Martin came to the rescue of his brother and started a fight. The constable was getting the worst of the affair when he drew his revolver. Steve lost one finger was shot in the shoulder and escaped by a hair's breadth and only left the hospital last week.

Betts was represented by ex-Judge E. H. Reppert Attorney J. W. Dawson representing the prosecutors. The case will attract considerable interest as Betts is very popular and well liked. He claims that no one saw the shooting while the Patchons have nearly 20 witnesses of the trouble.

PROMISSORY NOTES

The Cause of Law Suits Against a Uniontown Man

UNIONTOWN, Aug. 12.—Four promissory notes each for \$5,000 are the cause of the filing of a suit by the First National Bank of Fairmont against Attorney Edward D. Fulton in Uniontown.

The first note was given on April 12, 1907, to J. D. Simon, due in six months after date at the First National Bank of Uniontown. When presented for payment it was refused being no funds. The notes dated April 12, 1907, April 17, 1907, and January 12, 1908, were given to J. D. Simon. Each note he gave to the First National Bank of Fairmont. Hence they are in default. Attorney Robinson McKim and Martin filed the plaintiff's statement.

MILLER FAMILY

In Somerset County is to Have Big Reunion

SOMERSET, Aug. 12.—A party for the reunion of the descendants of the Miller family has been planned for the first of September. The party is to be held at the home of John Miller, Jr., in Somerset county. The party is to be held at the home of John Miller, Jr., in Somerset county. The party is to be held at the home of John Miller, Jr., in Somerset county.

CHAPTER GRANTED

Fifty of the Young Valley Realty Company

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M. J. WHALEN DIES FROM PNEUMONIA.

Stricken Less Than a Week Ago With Typhoid Fever

FATAL DISEASE DEVELOPED

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ORPHANS' COURT.

Judge Work Decides Point in C. H. Push for Estate

UNIONTOWN, Aug. 12.—An order was handed down this morning by Judge Work in Orphans' court directing that the Merchants Mercantile Agency of Pittsburg be paid \$1,100 by C. H. Boyd administrator of the estate of the late Charles H. Rush. Judge Work declared the signature genuine. He also made an allowance of \$100 counsel fees for collection.

The petition of Annie E. Masen, widow of James H. Masen for \$424.22 in addition to the \$1,100 allowance for the support of her children was allowed. The amount was expended between September 1, 1909 and July 3, 1910.

John P. Reid was named guardian of the person of the minor children of Ralph W. and Robert H. Hook. The guardian was directed to give Ralph W. Hook an allowance of \$30 monthly for use as a student at Washington and Lee.

In the estate of Adam Jacobs, William A. Davidson was named trustee in lieu of C. J. Swadlow.

NARROW ESCAPE

For John Eidenauer in Fire at Arnold City

OWEN, Md., Aug. 12.—John Eidenauer of this place had a narrow escape from death at the fire which burned the hotel supply company store at Arnold City last morning.

Mr. Eidenauer's son-in-law, William H. Eidenauer, who was in the store and had over it and Mr. Eidenauer was visiting there. The fire broke out in the store and the two men were forced to escape in their night clothes. Everything was a complete loss. His daughter Mrs. Eidenauer suffered a nervous collapse and was taken to the home of a friend. Mr. Eidenauer narrowly escaped seriously injured.

BAD ON CAR

Two Masontown Men Land in the County Jail

UNIONTOWN, Aug. 12.—(Special) George Eastons and George Dickson are in jail charged with disorderly conduct on a Masontown street car. Superintendent W. F. Long this morning made information against them before Judge John Boyle. No time has been set for a hearing.

Constable George Thomas said both men on Sunday in Uniontown and turned Dickson over to Constable William B. Dickson and his escape from this officer was later apprehended by Thomas at Oliver.

ANSWER TO RULE

To Show Why Squires Rule Should Not Be Allowed

UNIONTOWN, Aug. 12.—(Special) In answer to a letter to a rule to show cause why the appeal from the decision of Justice of the Peace Paul Condit should not be allowed William Fox & Company of Pittsburg claim that the defendants, Matilda and Lorenzo Genovese have no legal right as they were not notified that the appeal was allowed which they allowed to be taken. The court has ruled in favor of the defendants.

WESTERN MARYLAND RUNS NEW LINE.

Route on West Side Has Finally Been Determined

It is Said.

WILL MISS THE CAR BARN

Sweeping Curve is Made by Stakes Some Several Hundred Feet South of the Barns—May Take Several Properties Over

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WORKHOUSE MAY COME THIS WAY.

Rumored That Guiler Farm is Wanted for That Purpose by County.

LOCATION WOULD BE GOOD

This End of the County is About Due For Share of Institutions and May Be the New Work House—Committee Quietly Investigating

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The Great Coal Fields of Alaska, Their Extent and Prospective Markets.

The Geological Survey has just published its Bulletin 112-A an advanced chapter of its annual report on the mineral resources of Alaska. This report deals with the general mining situation and the problems of transportation and includes a summary account of Alaska coal and its markets, as well as estimates of costs of mining.

The condition in the coal fields presented strong contrast to that in the gold placer districts. Not only was there no industrial advance but in some regions there was decided retrogression. The long delay in the issuance of patents to coal lands and the popular clamor against all Alaskan coal claimants has discouraged claimants and investors and it should be hoped that it may soon be possible to devise some reasonable or satisfactory means of exploiting Alaska's wealth of coal.

Coal is widely distributed in Alaska, but the only fields which can yield coal for export are those in the Pacific slope province. The coal in these fields includes the lignitic or bituminous coals of southeastern Alaska, Cook Inlet, the Susitna basin, and the Alaska Peninsula, as well as the high grade fuels of the Bering river and Matanuska fields. About 10 per cent both of the area known to be underlain by coal and of the estimated area of the total coal fields of the Territory falls in this province. It includes also at least 90 per cent of the known bituminous and higher grade coals of the Territory. In considering this percentage of total coal area it should be noted that this is the best-known part of Alaska. However, it should be remembered that over half of this province is geologically almost unknown and that future surveys in this may discover other coal-bearing areas.

The central province includes some bituminous and subbituminous coals on the lower Yukon, besides more extensive areas of lignite in the upper Yukon basin, notably in the Nenana basin and near the coast line of Bering Sea. About 25 per cent of the total known coal-bearing area falls in this province, and about 36 per cent of the estimated coal fields. At least four-fifths of the central province, however, is almost unknown, so that further discoveries of coal in this province may be made. In this province should be grouped some coal beds reported to have been discovered in the upper Kuskokwim basin.

The coal fields of northern Alaska, embracing very extensive deposits lying north of the Arctic Circle, are too remote to have any present importance and must be regarded simply as part of the ultimate fuel resources of the world.

Best Coal in Alaska.
The high grade fuels of the Bering river and Matanuska fields include steam, and coking coal of quality equal to that of the eastern fields as well as considerable anthracite. These are better than any coals found on either shore of the Pacific. The development of these fields is of great importance, not only to Alaska but to all the Pacific coast States, for they can furnish the high grade coke needed for metallurgical industries; and to the nation, because they will furnish a source of fuel for the Pacific fleet.

Two influences have held back the development of the Bering river and Matanuska fields. One has been the advances made in the California oil districts, and the other the unfortunate conditions existing in regard to the laws under which Alaska coal lands can be taken up.

During the decade ending with 1908 the annual output of the California oil fields increased from about 2,500,000 to nearly 45,000,000 barrels. As probably 80 per cent of this petroleum is used for fuel in the Pacific coast States, it has to a corresponding extent decreased the demand for coal.

A far more serious handicap has been the coal-land laws. Though laws have been enacted to enable the individual to obtain title to coal lands have been on the statute books for the last decade, not a single acre of land has yet gone to patent. It is therefore not surprising that progress has been checked in the coal fields and that many who would undertake their development have become discouraged.

Cost of Mining.
The Bering river and Matanuska fields of the Pacific coast province furnish high grade steaming and coking coals as well as anthracite. But these fields have not yet been reached by railways, and these will require large investments of capital. The conditions in both fields are in many ways similar. The Matanuska field will probably have a slight advantage in a lower cost of mining; but this advantage will be more than offset by a greater railway haul. The bituminous coal of the Bering river field can probably be mined for about \$2 a ton, and when a railroad to tide water is built should be delivered at Seattle for little more than \$4 a ton. The anthracite of this field can probably be delivered at Seattle for \$5 a ton. These coals could probably be delivered at Oregon and California ports at an additional cost of not more than 25 cents a ton.

In the recent hearings before the joint committee that investigated the Interior Department and the Forest Service, A. H. Brooks, of the United States Geological Survey, testified that the accessible coal of the best Alaskan fields, the Bering river and Matanuska, was worth high a cent a ton in the ground. To some persons this meant that the coal lands of Alaska had no value whatever, but the value stated by Mr. Brooks is higher than that of most coal lands in the Eastern States notwithstanding their nearness to lines of transportation and to markets. In fact, good bituminous coal in

some well developed eastern fields has recently sold for one-thirtieth of a cent a ton in the ground.

Priced at the rate given the best Alaska coal lands are worth from \$50 to \$500 an acre, values far above the average price of bituminous coal lands in the United States.

Markets for Alaska's Coal.
The markets for the coals of Alaska will be found within the Territory itself and the Pacific States. The present market for coal in Alaska can not support the large mining operations required for commercial success. The Pacific States are now supplied by the coal fields of California and Oregon and in minor part by the fields of the Rocky Mountain region and those of British Columbia and Australia. Since Pennsylvania and West Virginia coal is also shipped to the Pacific coast, Alaska's coal must compete with these, and especially with fuel oil from California.

During the ten years between 1899 and 1908 the rates of mineral-fuel consumption in the Pacific States were as follows: Coal, 41.1 per cent; coke, 1.5 per cent; fuel oil, 57 per cent. Of the coal 77 per cent was derived from domestic sources, and of this the Washington fields supplied about 8 per cent.

Notwithstanding their large use of fuel oil the Pacific coast States and Territories now use about 4,500,000 tons of coal and about 130,000,000 tons of coke. It is reasonable to assume that during the next decade the California oil pools will not make the same rate of increase in output that they have made during the last decade and therefore that Alaska's immense store of coal may find profitable demand on the Pacific coast.

The completion of the Panama Canal may enable eastern operators to deliver high grade coals on the Pacific coast at prices about the same as those that can be offered by operators in Alaska. Other competing fields will be those of Vancouver Island and New South Wales.

Present Market.
The present market for Alaska coal may be grouped under three heads, the local market, without competition, about 120,000 tons a year; a market competitive, yet favorable, about 350,000 tons; and a competitive market, about 1,000,000 tons. These rough estimates indicate that Alaska coal of the better grade could perhaps find a market to the extent of a million tons a year.

It is impossible to forecast how rapidly the market for Alaska coal may expand, for its expansion depends on the rate and amount of industrial advancement made along the Pacific seaboard. That the demand for high-grade steaming and coking coal will increase rapidly there can be no doubt, but that Alaska fuel will be a strong competitor with some of the imported coals and also with the eastern coals after the completion of the Panama Canal seems equally certain.

Transportation.
The construction of the present railway of the mining industry in Alaska is dependent on the cheapness of operating costs by the improvements in means of transportation. The present industrial advancement of inland Alaska is small compared with that which will take place when railway communication with tide water has been established. As it is the coal which will furnish the export tonnage necessary to support railways built for opening the coal fields, it is of first importance to the entire Territory. Alaska has now about 170 miles of railway distributed among nine different systems. Construction work is proceeding on two lines and some progress has been made on a number of other transportation enterprises.

Interest in railway construction now largely centers in the Copper River basin and the Bering river coal field, Kuskokwim and the Susitna and Matanuska basins, and the Yukon-Tanana region.

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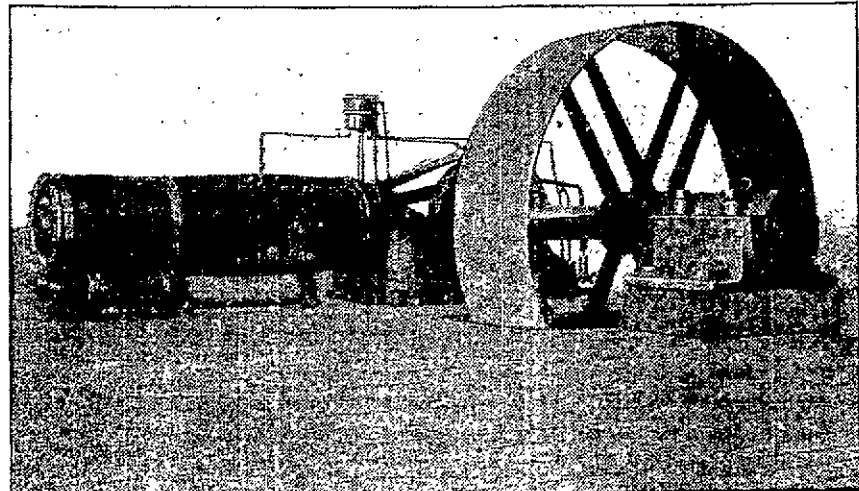
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